

**RESOLUTION BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**03-*R*-1498**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRAL PARK LOWER BALLFIELD, LOCATED AT 400 MERRITTS AVENUE, NE, ATLANTA, GA 30308, FROM THE UNITED WAY OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA, IN AN AMOUNT VALUED AT \$93,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE LOWER FOOTBALL FIELD AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA, AND TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE SAME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta ("City"), and specifically the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, wishes to maintain attractive facilities and grounds for City residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns a park called Central Park, located at 400 Merritts Avenue, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 ("Central Park"); and

**WHEREAS**, there are two football fields located at Central Park, an upper football field and a lower football field, both of which need repairs and improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Way is making improvements to the Central Park upper football field utilizing grant money from the NFL Grassroots Program and matching funds that it has raised; and

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Falcons learned of the improvements to the Central Park upper football field and donated \$63,000 to the United Way for improvements to the Central Park lower football field; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost of improving the Central Park lower football field is \$93,000, and the United Way has committed to providing the additional \$30,000 necessary to complete the improvements, either through its own funds or funds raised; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$93,000 Central Park lower football field improvements consist of installation of a water meter, re-grading the Field, installation of an irrigation system, planting new sod on and seeding the Field, installation of bleachers, installation of temporary fencing, purchase and installation of a scoreboard and welcome sign, park maintenance, and payment of miscellaneous coordination costs.

**WHEREAS**, the donated improvements stated above shall be performed by the United Way or its contractors and subcontractors, at no cost to the City, under the direction of the Office of Park Design in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to create a cooperative relationship with the United Way as the United Way is generously contributing to the upkeep and general welfare of Central Park; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to enter a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the United Way to define the cooperative relationship between the two parties, and to establish the role and obligations of each party in that relationship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:**

**SECTION 1:** The Mayor, on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to accept the donation of improvements to the Central Park lower football field from the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, where said improvements are valued at approximately \$93,000.00.

**SECTION 2:** The donated improvements to the Central Park lower football field shall be performed by the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, or its contractors and/or subcontractors, at no cost to the City of Atlanta, and said work shall be monitored by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

**SECTION 3:** The Mayor is authorized, on behalf of the City, to execute all necessary documents to accomplish acceptance of the donated improvements, to be approved as to form by the City Attorney. These documents shall include, but not be limited to, a Memorandum of Understanding that sets forth the roles and obligations of the City and the United Way in the refurbishment of the Central Park lower football field.

# TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO MAYOR'S OFFICE: Greg Pridgeon

(For review and distribution to executive management)

Commissioner's Signature: 

Bureau Director's

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

From: Originating Dept.: DPRCA

Contact (Name): Jean C. Minor / (4) 817-6739

Committee(s) of Purview: CD/HR

Committee Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Meeting Date: 10/14-15/03

Council Meeting Date: 10/20/03

## CAPTION:

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## BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION:

In response to the National Football League Grassroots Program's Request for Proposals, the United Way submitted a grant application to fund the refurbishment of the upper football field at Central Park. The proposed improvements will cost approximately \$93,000.00 and will include the following amenities: installation of water meter, re-grading the field, installation of an irrigation system, planting new sod on and seeding the field, installation of bleachers, installation of temporary fencing, purchase and installation of a scoreboard and welcome sign, park maintenance, and payment of miscellaneous coordination costs.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT (IF ANY):

There is no financial impact to the City of Atlanta. All expenditures (grant award of \$63,000 and the required matching funds of \$30,000) are the responsibility of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta.

## MAYOR'S STAFF ONLY

Received by Mayor's Office: 9/19/03

(Date)

Reviewed: 

(Initials/date)

Submitted to Council: \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

Action by Committee:

☐ Approved ☐ Adversed ☐ Held ☐ Amended

☐ Substitute ☐ Referred ☐ Other